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MEDIA ADVISORY

Fairfax Civil War Day

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 25

Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway

FAIRFAX, Va. — Experience American Civil War camp life and weapon-firing demonstrations during Fairfax Civil War Day to be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 25 at the Historic Blenheim Estate, 3610 Old Lee Highway.

Fairfax Civil War Day activities include demonstrations of cannon and rifle firing by Union and Confederate reenactors, youth “boot camps” for kids, wagon rides through soldier camps, author/vendor tents, blacksmithing, medicine and foodways demos, and period music. Talks inside the award-winning Civil War Interpretive Center cover women’s fashions, the role of the banjo in the Civil War, Old Capitol Prison, and Lincoln assassination conspirator Mary Surratt.

Special guests include General and Mrs. Robert E. Lee, Colonel John S. Mosby, Clara Barton, General James Longstreet, reconnaissance balloonist Thaddeus Lowe, Chief Surgeon Rauh, and the Black Horse Cavalry. Food by Red Hot & Blue and Historic Fairfax City Inc.

Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for youth age 3-12 and free for children age 2 and younger. Free shuttle service is provided from Fairfax High School; there is no parking at the event site.

Please see the attached event flyer for the complete schedule of events. Photos are available upon request.

For information, visit the city website or call 703-591-0560.

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15TH FAIRFAX CIVIL WAR DAY



Historic Blenheim

Cannon Firing ★ Hayrides ★ Music
Meet Lee, Mosby & Clara Barton
Camps ★ Historic House Tours

Proceeds benefit restoration of Historic Blenheim

3610 Old Lee Hwy ★ Fairfax, VA
Shuttle from Fairfax High School (3501 Rebel Run)

Adults \$5
Youth 3-12 \$3
2 and under..... **FREE!**

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Fairfax Civil War Day Schedule of Events

Saturday, April 25, 2015 • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Proceeds benefit the restoration of Historic Blenheim.

Activities

Historic Blenheim House (First Floor) Tours (11 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

Grandma's Cottage Open for Self-Guided Tours (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.)

Civil War Interpretive Center Gallery Open (10 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

Exhibits: Blenheim's Civil War Soldier Graffiti + Images of Mosby

Civil War Authors Tent (10 a.m. - 5 p.m.) ★ Wagon Rides (12 p.m. - 4 p.m.)

Presented by
City of Fairfax, Historic Fairfax City Inc.
and the "Fairfax Rifles" – Company D of the
17th Virginia Infantry Living History Organization.



Living History Presenters and Displays (10 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

Sue Sodomini – Clara Barton ★ Federal Military Medical Unit – Chief Surgeon Raub ★ Kevin Knapp – Thaddeus Lowe, aeronaut

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Orlando – Gen. and Mrs. Robert E. Lee ★ 2nd Corps Headquarters – Officers and Engineers

Patrick O'Neill – Gen. John Caldwell, 2nd Corps ★ Ron Hawkins – Gen. James Longstreet

17th Virginia Infantry, Co. D, "Fairfax Rifles" ★ Jimmy Fleming – Col. John S. Mosby ★ Col. Bill Scott & Friends – "Black Horse Cavalry"

28th Massachusetts Infantry, Co. B ★ Marion Dobbins – "African Slave Life" ★ Beverly Pelcher – Union Nurse Marilla Hovey

FREED – "Portrayals of African American Women" ★ Living History Troupe – "Women of the Civil War"

Joyce White, food historian – "Cooking Up the Past" ★ U.S. Colored Troops – "Voices of Freedom" ★ Carol Polkinghorne – Mary Surratt

Denise Winter – "Nora" Fitzhugh ★ Jon D. Vrana – Superintendent Col. William P. Wood, Old Capitol Prison

Adele Air – "Civil War Medicine" ★ Dixie Rose Relief Society – "A Ladies Aid Society" ★ Battery B, 1st Connecticut Light Artillery

Jeff Dunkelberger and Caitlin Garvey – "The Village Blacksmith" ★ Joseph Stahl – "Civil War Identification Tags"

C.K. Gailey – "Researching Your Civil War Ancestors" ★ James Mansfield – "Building a Winter Hut"

Schedule of Events

10:00 a.m. Camps Open – Civil War Balloon Inflation with Thaddeus Lowe

10:30 a.m. Beginners Boot Camp – Youth Program – 17th Virginia Infantry, Co. D, and 28th Massachusetts Infantry, Co. B

Civil War Music – HomeFront

Living History: "Talk with a General" – Gen. James Longstreet, Confederate Camp

Film: "The Spy Within" – Women of the Civil War, Civil War Interpretive Center

11:00 a.m. Talk: "Times, Toils, and Tribulations at the Old Capitol Prison" – Jon D. Vrana, Civil War Interpretive Center

Living History: "Caring for the Sick and Wounded" – Federal Military Hospital, Union Camp

11:30 a.m. Cannon Firing Demonstration – Carpenter's Battery and Battery B, 1st Connecticut Light Artillery

12:00 p.m. Civil War Music – HomeFront

Living History: "The Arrest and Incarceration of Mary Surratt"

– Carol Polkinghorne, Denise Winter and Jon D. Vrana, Grandma's Cottage front porch

Living History: "Ask the General: The End of the War" – Gen. Robert E. Lee, Confederate Camp

12:30 p.m. Talk: "Civil War Women's Fashions" – Amy Beechler, Civil War Interpretive Center

Beginners Boot Camp – Youth Program – 17th Virginia Infantry, Co. D and 28th Massachusetts Infantry, Co. B

Living History: "Meet the Officers and Engineers" – 2nd Corps Camp

Demonstration: "Cooking Up the Past" – Joyce White, food historian

1:00 p.m. Living History: FREED—Portrayals of African American Women and Mourning Lincoln – Civil War Interpretive Center

1:30 p.m. Cavalry Tactics Discussion – Black Horse Cavalry, 4th Virginia Cavalry, Co. H

2:00 p.m. Cannon and Firing Demonstrations – 17th Virginia Infantry, Co. D, Carpenter's Battery, and 1st Connecticut Light Artillery

2:30 p.m. Civil War Music – HomeFront

Living History: "Caring for the Sick and Wounded" – Federal Military Hospital, Union Camp

3:00 p.m. "17th Virginia Infantry, Co. D, Then and Now" – Paul Goss and Chris Hoehne, Confederate Camp

Demonstration: "Cooking up the Past" – Joyce White, food historian

3:30 p.m. Beginners Boot Camp – 28th Massachusetts Infantry, Co. B

Talk: "The Banjo in the Civil War" – Greg Adams, Civil War Interpretive Center

Living History: "Meet the Officers and Engineers" – 2nd Corps Camp

4:00 p.m. Cannon Firing Demonstrations – Carpenter's Battery and Battery B, 1st Connecticut Light Artillery

4:30 p.m. Music and Dancing – HomeFront

5:00 p.m. Camps Close

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Program Schedule subject to change.